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ORDERLY BOOK OF GEN. JOHN PETER GABRIEL MUHLENBERG, MARCH 26–DECEMBER 20, 1777.

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John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, a son of the eminent Lutheran divine Rev. H. M. Muhlenberg, was born at the Trappe, Penna., October 1, 1746, and died near Philadelphia, October 1, 1807. He studied for the ministry in Germany and Pennsylvania, and at the outbreak of the Revolution was in charge of a congregation at Woodstock, Va. His ardent patriotism and military spirit induced him to accept the commission of Colonel of a Virginia regiment of infantry; he was promoted Brigadier General February 21, 1777, and mustered out of service a Brevet Major General, November 3, 1783. He participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point, and Yorktown. At Germantown his brigade, attached to the left wing of the army under Greene, was distinguished for its bravery, and when it went into winter quarters at Valley Forge was composed of the First, Fifth and Ninth (consolidated), Thirteenth Virginia Line, the Virginia State Regiment, and the German Regiment. Muhlenberg after the war was a member of the First, Second, and Third Congresses, U. S. Senator, and Supervisor of Revenue and Collector of the Port of Philadelphia.]

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS May 26th 1777.

Parole, Gates *Countersign* Stuart & Wilkinson.

Major Ryan is appointed to act as Deputy Adjutant Genl & is to be oby'd & respected as such untill his Excellency, the Adjt Genl or his Deputy arrives in camp & gives counter orders.

Each Brigadier or the Commandg Officer of Brigades are requested at eleven O'clock in the morning to send a Brigade Major to Major Ryan's Quarters near the Gap at the Mountain; The Deputy Adjt Genl will deliver out the details which are to be sent at the time & place accordingly. The returns order'd yesterday to be deliver'd in to the Adjt Genl as soon as possible. The Brigade Majors are to deliver to morrow to the Adjt Genl at 11 o'clock the names of the Brigadr Genl the field Officers & Adjutants in the Brigade to which they respectively belong. If any of the Brigrs are without Brigade Majors they must appoint some person to do that duty. Such Brigades as the Brigadr are absent from the eldest Officer in the Brigade to give the necessary orders in that Brigade. The Brigrs or Commanding Officers of the Brigade are to appoint Brigade parades. The troops for guard are to be assembled on the Brigade parades by Adjts & by the Brigade Majors march'd from thence to the grand parade half past 8 o'clock. The Genl expects all orders will be punctually obey'd. The good of the service & the safety of the Camp depending thereon. All Offrs of whatever Rank are requested to govern themselves accordingly. A genl Offr two field Officers & one Brigade Major of the day to mount every morning at Guard mounting at the Grand parade. After the Guards are sent off the Brigade Major of the day to attend at Head Quarters to deliver such orders as the Occurences of the day may render necessary. Each Brigade Major of the day to appoint an Adjutant of the day for the Brigade. Every Brigade to furnish two orderly Serjeants one to attend at hd Quarters and one at the Adjt Genls Tent.

Brigade Genl for the day tomorrow Mughlenburg
F^{d} Off^{rs} for the day Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Hoobley & Maj^{r} Hay
Brigade Major Peers.

B. O. Adj^{ts} of Reg^{ts} to attend at Genl Mughlenburg's Quarters at 12 o'clock to receive orders. Lieut. Math^{w} Smith is appointed to act as Brigade Major till further orders. The troops to parade in the rere of ye 1st Virg^{a} Reg^{t}.

G. O. CAMP MIDDLEBROOK May 27th 1777

Major Genl Lincoln is requested in company with the Genl Officer of the day, to examine the state & situation of the Picquet Guards to fix upon the proper ground to post them, & establish such others as may be necessary for the further security of the Camp and fix their possition by day and night. The Officer of every guard must send a Serj^{t} on the grand parade to pilot the new guard for the relief of the old one, written instructions must be given by the Genl Officer of the day to the Officer of every guard what line of Conduct they are to observe. The field Offr^{s} of the day are to see to the posting the Centries & directing the Patroles, which are not to be alter'd by the Officer Commanding the Picquest unless the enemy are advancing without first reporting it to the commanding Officer or field Officer of the day, with the reasons for the alterations & obtaining One of their consents for the same. Officers of particular guards making alterations without paying attention to the other guards often breaks in upon the chain of communication & is productive of great confusion and disorder. The Genl & field Officers of the day are requested to dine with the General. The Centries are not to be posted single, especially in the night, but placed double.

N. GREEN M. G.

G. O. MIDDLEBROOK H. Q. May 28th 1777.

The Commanding Officers of every Reg^{t} must examine the state of the Ammunition in the respective Reg^{ts} & make a return to the D^{y} Adj^{t} G^{l} of the numbers of cartridges

wanting to complete every man with twenty four rounds. The D^{y} Adj^{t} Genl will give an order for the same on Mr Geo. Everson D^{y} Commissary of Ordnance stores. This to be done immediately that every Reg^{t} may be in readiness to march to Action at a moments warning. To give a gen^{l} Alarm, the following Signals to be observ'd, three Cannon to be first fir'd quick one after another, in front to Gen Waynes brigade in the Gap of the mountain, to be answer'd by three at the park of Artillery in the Center of the front line, upon which all the troops are to get under Arms as soon as possible. It is expected that every Brigade Major will be very punctual in bringing their troops to the grand parade agreable to the orders of the twenty sixth ins^{t} for guard mounting that one part of the guards may not be detain'd for the neglect of others.

Brigadier for the day tomorrow Genl Weedon
F^{d} Off^{rs} for guard Colo. Spotswood & Maj^{r} Buford
Brigade Major Kirkpatrick.

Brigade Orders.

The Adj^{ts} of the different Reg^{ts} belonging to the Brigade are to make a return to the Brigade Major every Friday morning before eight o'clock of the strength of their Reg^{ts} in which returns a particular Acc^{t} is to be given of the absentees naming the Hospitals in which the sick are lodg'd and what services those return'd on comm^{d} are engag'd in. The command^{g} Officers of Reg^{ts} or Corps are to see that their pay rolls are made up & deposited at the end of every month in the hands of the pay master Genl in doing this the Resolves of Congress pointing out the mode of doing it must be strictly adher'd to. As nothing is more conducive to the health of the troops than cleanliness the Officers in general belonging to the brigade are requested to pay the strictest attention to the conduct of their men & see that not only the Camp is kept clean, but that the Soldiers appear on the parade as clean as circumstances will admit of, with their Arms & Accoutrements in the best order.

The whole brigade, when not otherways employ'd, is to parade every noon at four O'clock on the parade appointed for the brigade that they may be taught the Maneuvres requisite; No officer that is able & not on duty will be excus'd from attending. The Adj^{ts} will do this duty by rotation & in order that the soldiers may not straggle about & perhaps be absent when wanted the Rolls are to be called regular morning & evening & the Absentees reported Genl Mughlenburg makes no doubt these Orders will be strictly & punctually observ'd. The necessity of it will appear evident to every intelligent Officer.

To Brigad^{r} Genl MUHLENBURG.

SIR:—

You are to enquire minutely into the state & condition of your Brigade & order every Officer & Soldier belonging to it, not usefully employ'd in recruiting or in the execution of any command by proper Authority or sick in the Hospitals, to join their respective Corps immediately, & see that it is done.

Make strict enquiry what measures the commanding Officer of each Reg^{t} your Brigade is taking to compleat it to the establishment, & see that no means are left unessayed to accomplish this desirable end. Let none but trusty & diligent Officers be sent upon this business such as have a turn to this service, & you have good hopes will not misapply their time, or the money committed to their charge.

Every Monday you are to render to the Adj^{t} Genl a correct return of your brigade, at the foot of which a particular Account is to be given of the Absentees, naming the Hospitals in which the sick are lodg'd, & what services those return'd on command are engag'd in. Mention is also to be made of the kill'd, wounded, & missing, if any there be, after every Action or skirmish with the enemy. As also of any other remarkable Occurrence which may need explanation.

Compare always the last return made you with the

preceding one & see that they correspond, or the Alterations satisfactorily accounted for, that no error or abuse may escape unnoticed uncorrected & unpunished if the mistakes are wilful.

Desertions having been very frequent of late, endeavour to discover the causes of them, that a remedy may be applied. One step towards preventing which, is, to have the Rolls regularly called morning & evening and the absentees satisfactorily accounted for, or immediately sought after with vigilance & care.

No furloughs to be given either to Officers or men except in cases of extreme necessity.

See, that the Officers pay great attention to the condition of the Soldiers, arms, ammunition & accoutrements, as also to the manner of cooking their Victuals, and as far as in your power lies, cause the men to appear neat, clean, & Soldier-like, not only for the sake of appearances, but for the benefit of their health.

Improve all the leisure time your Brigade may have from other duties in manouvring & teaching the men the use of their legs, which is of infinitely more importance than learning the manual exercise. Cause the Off^rs^ to attend regularly & perform their part of these duties with the men.

You are not to accept the resignation of any Commission'd Officer, but upon a vacancy happening in any Reg^t^ in your Brigade, you may consult the Field Officers thereof, & recommend to the Commander in chief, a fit person to supply the deficiency, 'till a Commission however is bestow'd or approbation given in gen^l^ orders such person is not to be included in the Returns or Pay rolls.

You are to cause the pay Rolls of every Reg^t^ in your Brigade to be made up and deposited at the end of every month in the hands of the pay master General. In doing this, strict attention is to be paid to the Resolves of Congress for the manner of doing it.

The Experience of last Campaign abundantly evinc'd the absurdity of heavy baggage, & the disadvantages resulting

therefrom to Individuals and the Public, prevent therefore as much as possible all incumbrances of this kind, and do not upon a march suffer the Soldiers to throw their arms or Packs into Waggons, unless they are either sick or lame.

Let Vice & immorality of every kind be discouraged, as much as possible in your brigade. And as a Chaplain is allow'd to each Reg^{t} see that the men regularly attend divine Worship. Gaming of every kind is expressly forbid, as the foundation of evil and the cause of many a brave & gallant Officer's ruin. Games of Exercise for amusem^{t} may not only be permitted but encouraged.

These instructions you will consider as obligatory, unless they should interfere with General orders, which you must endeavour to have executed in your brigade with punctuality.

Given at Head Quarters in Norristown
this 26th day of May Anno Domini 1777.
G^{o} WASHINGTON.

(*Circular*) HEAD QUARTERS May 29th 1777
Brigad^{r} for tomorrow Genl Conway
Field Officers Col^{o} Wood, Lieut. Col^{o} Barber
Brigade Major Smith

G.O. The Commander in chief directs that all orders issued previous to his coming to camp be observed in full force till countermanded or alter'd by him. As it is a matter of great importance to have the camp well secur'd, Guards properly fixed their respective duties precisely pointed out and proper Regulation establish'd to enable them to act in concert & support each other Major Genl Green is requested to assemble as soon as possible all the other Genl Officers & take these matters into consideration at large & report their opinion of what they shall think necessary to be adopted. A Major Genl of the day to make a report of those regulations. The detached state of the Army has heretofore render'd it extremely difficult to communicate the orders of the Commander in chief to all the

different parts & will render it necessary that many should be repeated. He flatters himself that henceforth the most punctual regard will be paid to all orders which is the good of the service & principle of honour do not produce, he is determin'd to impose. All firing without permission from the Major Genl of the day is strictly forbid, those that are guilty of a breach of this order must be secur'd & severely punish'd. The nearest guard to the place where the Offence is committed to send a file of men to secure the Offender. The Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts} are to have their pay Abstracts immediately made out & lodg'd with the pay Mas^{tr} Genl for all pay due to the first of May. After that time they are to pursue the Mode pointed out by Congress to obtain payment & each Brigadier will inform them what they are & see them properly complied with. The Brigade Majors are to attend the Adj^{t} Genl precisely at twelve O'clock every day to receive orders. Two orderly Serj^{ts} to be furnish'd by each Brigade one to attend the commander in chief, the other the Adj^{t} Genl Major Ryan who has done the duty of Adj^{t} Genl for some days pass'd is now excus'd from that service, the duty as usual.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS May 30th 1777.

Brigade for tomorrow Genl Maxwell
Field Off^{rs} Col^{o} Morgan & Major Davis
Brigade Major Farling

The Commissary Genl is to adopt every means in his power to provide Vinegar for the use of the Army & see that the provisions are regularly serv'd. To do which with ease, he is to have an Assistance with each Brigade. Provisions are to be deliver'd to Regimental Quarter Masters only or commission'd Officers authorized for that purpose, when the Reg^{t} has no Quarter Master, except in case of small detachments when a non commission'd Off^{r} may receive them; none to be deliver'd without proper returns being made to the Commissary. The Command^{g} Officers of Corps are to take care that their men have two days

provisions by them that they may not suffer in case of any sudden call to any particular duty. The Brigad^{r} to pay proper attention to this matter, and also to have the Arms of their Brigade examined and make report of kind and quality. They are moreover to see that their Brigades are completed with Ammunition as soon as possible & that all waste of it is prevented. The Genl has the pleasure to acquaint the Army that Genl Parsons form'd an expedition to the East end of Long Island under the Comm^{d} of Lieut. Col^{o} Meges, which was attended with the most happy success. After burning eleven Vessels loaded with one hundred & twenty Tons of press'd forage Rum & other Articles and one armed Vessel of twelve guns, they brought off ninety prisoners, besides killed several of the enemy, six only escaped. As the Army is collected & may soon be engag'd in important transactions. The Genl takes Occasion from the laudable instance he has mention'd, to declare to the Army, both Officers & Soldiers, that he will be strictly observant of their conduct & make a point of distinguishing those by his rewards, who distinguish themselves by their Bravery & good behaviour as merit will not pass unnotic'd, so misconduct will meet with the severest punishment. A Genl Court Martial to sit immediately for tryal of Prisoners brought before it. All evidences to attend. The Brigade Majors to attend the grand parade & be Answerable that their men be well supplied with Ammunition & their Arms in good condition. No excuse will be admitted for their neglect of this necessary piece of duty. The light Cavalry which are to attend the picquets as Videts are to be on the parade at guard mounting.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS May 31st 1777

Brigadier for tomorrow Genl Scott
F^{d} Off^{rs} Col^{o} Hendricks, Major Byrd.
Brigade Major Wetherspoon.

The principal design of the movement this morning was to see if a proper distribution of baggage Waggons had been

made to the several Reg^{ts} & to what degree of alertness & Expedition the Army would be ready to march on a sudden emergency. The Genl has much reason for Approbation in many respects, but though there was a great exactness in some instances, he wishes that a greater punctuality had been paid more generally to the time. Every Officer of Reflection must be sensible of the necessity of a strict regard to the time appointed in movements of this kind on which the success of the most important events may absolutely depend & it will be expected in future that a precise conformity to the moment pointed out will mark the conduct of every Corps. The General earnestly recommends that Officers of every Rank will disencumber themselves of all superfluous baggage, as it will only serve to employ a number of waggons more than can be shar'd, consistent with the good of the service & must be lost in the course of the Campaign.

Nothing is more common than to hear men plead ignorance of Genl orders in excuse for the breach of them, nor is the excuse confin'd to privates only, it sometimes even disgraces the mouths of Officers. To prevent it in future, The Genl positively orders the command^{g} Officers of Corps to have Genl Orders constantly read to their Corps. They may rely on being called to a severe Account, should the same plea be made hereafter suppos'd by truth.

It is to be lamented that the foolish & scandalous practice of prophane swearing is so prevalent in the American Army. Officers of every Rank are bound to discourage it first by their example & then by punishing. As a means to abolish this & every other species of immorality, Brigadiers are enjoin'd to take effectual care to have divine service duly perform'd in their respective Brigades. By a return from the Quarter Mr Genl it appears that more than a sufficient Quantity of tents have been issued to cover the whole army. Yet some Corps are defective in this Article. Others must have more than their proportion. The Command^{r} in chief repeats the last order from Major Genl Green

calling for immediate returns to the Quar^{tr} Mr Genl of the exact number of tents drawn by each Corps.

The Genl approves of the following sentences of the Court Mars^{l} held at Bound brook 21st Ins^{t} whereof Col^{o} Spotswood was president. Thos Edwards of the 7th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} try'd for sleeping on his post sentenc'd to receive 50 lashes. Wm. Foes of Col^{o} Angel's Batt^{n} for desertion to receive 100 lashes. Evan Thomas of the 9th Pensylv^{a} Reg^{t} for D^{o} to receive twenty five lashes. Evan Apply of the 4th P^{a} Reg^{t} for sleeping on his post to receive twenty-five lashes. On acc^{t} of his being a young Soldier & of a good Character his punishment is remitted. Jos^{h} Bryan of the 2nd V^{a} Reg^{t} for D^{o} to receive 50 lashes. Denis Meyers of the 3rd Pensylv^{a} Reg^{t} for desertion & threatning to desert to receive one hundred lashes. John Town, Maj^{r} Offendorfs Corps for desertion to be reprimanded. Edwd Baker of D^{o} for D^{o} to be acquitted. Thos Murphy of 10th Pennsylv^{a} for D^{o} to receive 100 lashes. James McKenzie of 10th Pennsyl^{va} to receive 100 lashes. Wm Hardy of the German Reg^{t} for deserting and enlisting in two different Reg^{ts} to be reprimanded by his Commander. Jefferies Connor of the 5th Pennsylv^{a} Reg^{t} for desertion to receive 25 lashes. Robt Story of 7th Maryl^{d} for D^{o} to be reprimanded. Alex^{r} Henderson of ye 10th Pennsylv^{a} Reg^{t} for D^{o} to receive 20 lashes. Peter Smith of the 7th Maryl^{d} Reg^{t} for Quiting his post to be reprimanded. Mehol^{r} Hamber of ye 8th Pensylv^{a} R. for desertion, acquitted. Those sentenc'd to be immediately executed. Except the instances in which the punishment is remitted.

A. O. The Brigades on the right & left, front & rere of the Camp are to establish small guards of one Subaltern, one Corp^{l} & 8 Privates in all the passes leading to the Camp in order to prevent Soldiers from strag. and the Country people from coming into Camp. No Country person to come into Camp except by permission of the nearest Brigadier or field Officer. All persons in Camp who cannot

give a satisfactory Account of themselves to be confin'd and reported to the nearest Brigadier. These Guards to be relieved by the Brigade Majors daily.

Brigade Orders.

The Adjutants of the different Reg^{ts} are this evening to make a return to the Q^{r} Mr Genl of the number of tents belonging or drawn for each Reg^{t} Those that have already done it, may nevertheless examine & give in the Returns anew. The Command^{g} Off^{rs} of Reg^{ts} will see that G. O. are read to the men every evening on the parade, that no one may plead ignorance. No Officer not on duty & able to attend must be absent. The whole Brigade to parade on Monday morning precisely at four o'clock at the usual place, leaving a small guard at their Baggage.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Middlebrook Camp
June 1st 1777

Brigadier for the day tomorrow Genl Maxwell
Field Off^{rs} Col^{o} Matthews Lt Col^{o} Butler
Brigade Major Harper.

The Genl directs the following Rules to be observ'd invariably throughout the Army & as he is apprehensive that they will meet with great Obstacles in the Carelessness and indolence of some Officers, he thinks it is necessary to declare, that he will not overlook any neglect or breach of them that shall come to his knowledge. Each Reg^{t} to be paraded at troop & at retreat beating, the Rolls are carefully to be called and absentees punished. All Officers not on their duty to attend the parade to see that their men are clean and decent, their Arms and Accoutrements in the best order, their Ammunition complete, that they behave well in their Ranks, are silent, steady & orderly. Once a day, at such time as the Brigadiers shall judge most convenient, each Corps to be exercised in the manual & evolutions, and once a week at least, each Brigade to be exercised collectively under the direction of its Brigadier.

The most essential part of discipline being marching & forming. This should be more particularly practiced. All officers not on another duty to be present on these Occasions not as unconcerned Spectators, but to learn & perform their own duty & see that their men do theirs. The field Officers to exercise their Reg^{t} themselves & in their absence the Captains & not leave it to Adj^{ts} as has been heretofore the Case. It is necessary the men should be Accustom'd to the Voice and command of those who are to direct them in Action & that those should by practice acquire a facility in doing their parts. The Genl observes with concern that both Officers & Soldiers are guilty of the unsoldierly practice of stragling from Camp, he forbids the continuance of it on any pretence whatever. Whoever shall be found a mile from Camp, unless on duty or with permission of the brigadier command^{g} him whether Officer or Soldier shall be tried for disobedience of orders. As there is a necessity for the Army to rise and turn out every morning at Revellie beating, they ought to go to rest early. All lights must be put out at 9 o'clock in the even^{g} & every man to his tent. The Provost Martial to patrole the Camp & its invirons frequently to take up all who cannot give a good Acc^{t} of themselves, & all disorderly persons, he is to see that the Sutlers do not deal out their liquors at an untimely hour, but conform to such Rules as have been or may be form'd relating to them. The Command^{g} Officers of every Corps is to make a report every morning to his Brigadier of the number of Riflemen under his comm^{d} in doing which he is to include none but such as are known to be perfectly skill'd in the use of these guns & who are known to be Active & orderly in their behaviour. Each Brigadier to make a collective return to the Adj^{t} Genl of these men.

B. O. The different Reg^{ts} belonging to the brigade to parade every morning immediately after beating of the Revellie on their own parade, to go through the evolutions, except on those days when the Brigade parades. The Adj^{ts}

of the 1st 5th & 9th Virga Regts to make a full return of all the men in their Regts mentioning the Abst Officers & on what Acct employed, what alterations since last return, how many men wanting to complete the Establishment, & the number of Vacant Officers & of what Rank.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS May 20th 1777

Parole Alexandria *Countersign* Bedford

Valentine Peers Esqr is appointed Brigade Major to Genl Weedons brigade and is to be respected and obeyed as such. Lewis Woodruff Esqr is appointed a deputy Muster Master. Colos & Commanding Officers of Battalions & Corps must camp their Regimental Pay masters to make up their pay Abstracts to the 3rd of April inclusive and order them to attend at the Pay Mastr Genls office for the money, they must be examin'd & sign'd by their respective commandg Officers and Brigadiers, who will diligently compare them with the daily and weekly Returns & certify them. The Compys abstracts must be delivered into the pay Mastr Genl with regimental Abstracts. That the great & necessary purpose of Adjusting the Rank of all Officers in the American Army may be affected with expedition. His Excelly. the Commandr in chief is pleas'd to order that the field Officers of each Continental Battalion do immediately examine into the present Rank & hear the pretensions thereto of all their Capts & Subalterns, settle them where they can to the satisfaction of all the Gentlemen concerned, and make a full & fair report of all their proceedings to the Brigadiers commandg their brigades & that the Brigdrs with the assistance of the field Officers in the brigade do upon the receipt of such reports proceed to adjust the Rank of all the Officers in their respective Brigades, & make a full and fair report of all their proceedings to the Major Genl commanding their division, that should there be any instance of dissatisfaction in the Officers with the determination of their field Officers, they be candidly enumerated

by such field Off^{rs} & parties complaining with all their attendant circumstances and reported to their respective Brigadiers, who will call before them all the parties interested, inquire into their claims & if they cannot be settled to general satisfaction, make a special & particular report to their Major Genl, who upon receipt of such report will summon a board of Officers, will take a dispassionate comparative review of the whole & determine the rank in the Army; untill which time it is expected the service of the Army will not be injur'd by disputes about Rank, but that every Officer will by an emulous discharge of his duty, recommend himself to his Country & to the promotion he thinks he is entitled to.

G.O. HEAD QUARTERS June 2nd 1777.

Brigad^{r} for the day tomorrow Genl Wayne
F^{d} Off^{rs} Col^{o} McClanaghan & Maj^{r} Harmer
Brigade Major Ryan

The Muster Mast^{r} Genl is without loss of time to cause Musters to be made of the whole Army, he will give notice to the different Corps, when to hold themselves respectively in readiness for that purpose. The Brigadiers and field Officers of the day are constantly to attend the grand parade to see that the guards are properly assembled, give the necessary directions concerning them, & have them march'd to their several posts in order. The Adjutants to collect the proportion Assign'd on their Regimental parades, inspect carefully the state of their Arms, Accountriments, ammunition and dress, & march them off in order to their brigade parades. The Brigade Major to receive them from the Adjutants examining in like manner the state of their Arms, &c, & to march them off to the grand parade, there deliver them to the Brigade Major of the day. Decency and a regard to health, especially in this hot season indispensibly require that Vaults should be immediately dug in the rere of each encampment as the repositories of every

kind of filth, they should be cover'd with green boughs & fresh earth thereon every morning or two. This business to be done by Camp Colour men under the directions of Regimental Quarter Masters, who are to see that they execute it properly, sweep the streets of the encampment & keep it in all respects clean, & free them from every thing nauseous or offensive. The Quarter Mas^{tr} Genl will furnish tools, he is also to visit the Camp, & report how far this order is complied with. Each Reg^{t} or Corps to appoint by rotation a Regimental Officer of the day, whose province shall be to visit the sick, and see that they are provided for & taken care of, making daily Reports to the Commanding Officer of their number & condition, to inspect the food of the men, both as to the quality & the manner of dressing it, obliging the men to accustom themselves more to boiled soups, and less to broiled and roasted, which as to their constant diet is destructive to their health. This Off^{r} is also to attend closely to the cleanliness of the camp, for which he will be Answerable and is bound to see there is no neglect in the Quarter Master or C. C. men.

Returns of all the sick both in and out of Camp to be made out tomorrow morning to the Surgeon Genl their number, Condition, and place where they are to be specified. The Command^{g} Officers of Corps not yet provided with pay masters to recommend without delay proper persons for that station to the General, they must be men of property, good Accomptants & methodical & must write a good hand. Henry Livingston Esqr is appointed Lieu^{t} in his Excelly$^{'s}$ guard. A party of two hundred men to parade this evening at the grand parade with four days provision to take their orders from the Adj^{t} General. Major Morrel to command this party untill the arrival of Genl Dehes's eldest Officer in his brigade to take the command, and John Harper Esqr is to do the duty of brigade major in that brigade till further orders.

G.O. HEAD QUARTERS June 3rd 1777

Brigadier for the day tomorrow Genl Weedon
Field Officers Colo Chambers & Major Campbell
Brigade Major Peers.

As in the detach'd state of the Artillery the men often suffer for want of Surgeons, it being impossible for their own Regimental Surgeons to take due care of them dispers'd as they are over the whole line. Each Brigadier is to see that the Regimental Surgeons of his brigade pay every necessary attention to the detachment of Artillery annex'd thereto.

Regimental Surgeons are not to send any of their sick to Hospital without first obtaining a Certificate from the Surgeon Genl or one of his deputies for that purpose. The Brigadiers to have the springs Adjacent to their several encampments well clear'd and enlarg'd, having Centries over them to see that the water is not injur'd by dirty utensils or any other means. A barrel sunk in them will be the best means to keep them from being made muddy, and an arbour over them will serve to preserve them cool. They are also to have all dead Cattle, horses or other Carrion remov'd to a distance from the Camp and buried deep under ground. They will see that the orders to promote cleanliness are punctually observ'd and indeed all others whether particularly called on or not.

The Commander in chief looks to them with an attentive eye for the execution of all his orders which they must be sensible their duty & honour demand. No Prisoners whose crimes may properly come before a Regiment Court Martial to be sent to or recd at the Provost guard but to be committed to Regimentl Quarter Guards and regimentally tried. It having been represented to the Genl that commandg Officers of Corps undertake to seize and confine Commissaries at their pleasure in common Guard houses. He thinks it necessary to declare a practice so irregular &

injurious cannot be tolerated. At the same time he means not to countenance any neglect of duty in the Commissary, but will be ready to attend to whatever complaints may be justly made against them, to rectify the Abuses they commit and punish their delinquency. No horses to be let loose into the wheat or other fields about Camp, unless first pointed out and devoted to the purpose by the Quarter Master General. Brigad^{rs} to see orders for the arrangement of Officers Rank immediately complied with by appointing a day for the field Officers of each Reg^{t} to take it up. The Genl is surprized and sorry to find that a matter about which so much anxiety and embarrasment is express'd, when put upon a footing to be adjusted meets with so much neglect & delay. The Genl Field Off^{rs} & Brigade Majors of the day will be expected to favour his Excell^{y} with their Comp^{y} at dinner as a standing rule without particular invitation.

The following sentences of a Court Martial held the 2nd Inst. are approv'd by the Commander in chief and their immediate execution directed. Ab^{m} Wood of the 9th Pennsylv^{a} Reg^{t} tried for desertion & sentenc'd to receive twenty five lashes on his bare back. John Welch of the 7th Maryland Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion, the Court of Opinion he is entitled to the benefit of Genl Washingtons proclomation offering pardon for deserters & that he should be delivered to Major Bush to do duty in his reg^{t} untill he can be sent to the Reg^{t} he belongs to. Henry Bryan of the 8th Pennsylv^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with encouraging desertion & sentenc'd to receive fifty lashes on his bare back. Patrick Henry of the 1st Pennsylv^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with having enlisted into two Reg^{ts} without being discharg'd sentenc'd to be reprimanded by the Commanding Officer of the Reg^{t} he belongs to & the money he reced from Capt Taylor of the 5th Pennsyl^{va} Reg^{t} to be stopt out of his pay. Lieut. Thos Cook of the 8th Pennsylv^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with having made known the Parole & Countersign to a person not entitled to receive it, found guilty of the charge exhibited

against him, but on consideration of his good Character sentenc'd only to be reprimanded by the Col° in the Presence of the Officers of the Reg^t he belongs to. Lieut. Jolly of the 11th Pensylv^a Reg^t charg'd with Cowardice & neglect of duty not guilty & ordered to be releas'd from his Arrest forthwith.

The Prisoners mention'd in this day's orders to be punish'd at the head of their respective Reg^ts for which purpose the commanding Officers will send for them to the main Guard.

Genl Orders. HEAD QUARTERS June 4th 1777

Brigadier for tomorrow Genl Conway
Field Off^rs Col^os Malmade & North
Brigade Major Day

The Commissary Genl to have his slaughter houses at least a mile in the rere of the Camp & to be very careful to have the Offal of what he kills buried a sufficient depth under Ground. He must be provided with Waggons to convey the meat to places near each brigade for the more Commodious distribution of it, & must see that no reliques are left in those places through Carelessness. As proper precautions in the regulation of this part of the Commissary Gen^ls department is essential to the Army, The Genl hopes he will be peculiarly attentive to it. A Return to be made tomorrow to the Adj^t Genl of all the Women in Camp.

The Music of the Army being in general very bad, it is expected that the drum and fife majors exert themselves to improve it, or they will be reduc'd and their extraordinary pay taken from them. Stated hours to be assign'd for all the drums & fifes to attend them & practice. Nothing is more agreable and ornamental than good music. Every Officer for the credit of his Corps should take care to provide it.

The Revellie to be beat at day-break. The troop at 8 o'clock in the morning and the Retreat at Sunset, for the

sake of regularity, the drum of the Reg^{t} on the right of the line to give three taps allowing a sufficient equal space between each, as a warning for the one next on the left, which is to do the same & so on through the whole. The second Line taking it by the right from the right in front & the advanc'd brigades by the right, from the right in the rere. These Taps over & a proper interval allow'd for the warning to become general The drummers call is to be given as a signal for what is to follow after & then the whole Musick of the line to begin in concert. The Revellie, troop or Retreat as it may happen. The same complaint has been made to the Genl respecting abuse of Quarter Mast^{rs} which was mention'd in yesterdays orders relative to Commissaries. An end must be put to such irregular conduct. Misbehaviour in those departments ought to be punish'd but it must be done in a proper manner. The Army to be immediately furnished with four day's provision.

HEAD QUARTERS June 5th 1777

Major Genl for the day tomorrow Green
Brig^{r} . . . . . Scott
Field Off^{rs} Col^{o} Sayton—Maj^{r} Heath
Brigade Maj^{r}

The Major Genl of the day is in some sort to represent the Commander in chief, he is to give directions for all guards, parties & detachments, to receive all Reports of their proceedings & of any Occurrence of importance in and out of Camp. All deserters & prisoners, other than for common military offences to be brought to him for examination, and to be disposs'd of by him. All detachments or reinforcements to be reported to him immediately on their Arrival & to take his orders, he is to superintend the regulation of the Camp & the execution of all Genl orders, for which purpose he shall visit the whole line, if not absolutely prevented by other duty, and he is to report to the Comm^{r} in Chief, what from his Observations he may think necessary to be done for the better regulation of the Camp and army.

He is to oversee the Orders of March and the Dispositions for Battle according from Directions from the Comm^{r} in Chief. In case of sudden Alarms he is instantly to repair to the place where the danger appears to be and if it is likely to be serious, he must with all speed send to inform the Comm^{r} in Chief until he hears from him he must employ those means which seem to him Necessary Conformable to the Exigency of the Occasion, he is to make a Genl Report next morning to the Comm^{r} in chief of every thing that passes worth Notice on his day. Occurrencies of immurgency and that require immediate attention to be reported the moment they are known by the Maj^{r} Genl.

The Brig^{r} of the day is to be Considered as the Comm^{g} Officer of all the Guards, he is to receive orders in the morning of the Major Genl he is to attend the grand Parade to see everything conducted with propriety, to assign the posts and give all necessary directions, to Visit them after they arrive and see if they have post right, and have followed the Rules proscribed them & taken proper precautions to secure themselves and avoid surprise and to give his orders accordingly on an alarm he is to perform all the Esential duties of the Comm^{g} Officers of the Guards, he is to make a General report of every relative to him, to the Maj^{r} Genl. The field Officers to attend the Grand Parade and assist the Brigadier and follow such directions as he shall think proper to give respecting the Guards, they are to visit them at Night by way of Grand rounds Escorted by a small party of Horse, to see if they are alert and upon their watch, and if the Sentries are well stationed and do their duty. They are to receive an evening report from the officers of the state of their Guards and of what unusual occurencies may have happened and to give direction accordingly of everything Extraordinary to be reported to the Brig^{r} as soon as the Tour is over or sooner if necessary, they are to receive morning reports from the several guards when relieved. On an alarm they are to take their orders from the Brigadier. The Brig^{r} Major of the day is also to

attend the parade to receive the men that are to compose the Guards and compare them with the Detail to inspect their Arms, Accountriments, Ammunition and Dress to count of the Guards and assign the Officers their posts by Lot to march them from the Grand Parade and do every other requisite duty agreable to the order of the Brigadier. He is to give each Comm^{g} Officer of the Guard the Parole and Countersign before he marches them Off and is to attend the Brig^{r} frequently through the day to receive his farthur occasional orders, in case of an alarm he is to accompany the Brig^{r}—for the future an Aid D Camp from each division to attend at Head Quarters for G. Orders. The Brigade Maj^{rs} to receive the orders at the Quarters of their Maj^{r} Genl which will be more convenient for them as they are obliged to attend for Division orders The Brig^{d} Majors to attend the Adj^{t} Genl once a week or oftner if required to settle the detail.

B.O. This Evening at 6 o'clock the 1st 5th & 9th Reg^{ts} are to Parade on their Brig^{d} Parades to discharge their Musquets, the German Reg^{ts} to parade on their Regimental parade for the same purpose and at the same time. This afternoon the Q^{r} M. of the differant Reg^{ts} belonging to the Brigade at 4 o'clock are to attend at Genl Muhlenburghs Head Quarters to receive their Proportion of Ammunition and Catridge Paper, which is to be made up into the Blind Catridges as soon as possible.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the Brigade is to meet at the Brigade Parade to pass the review before Maj^{r} Genl Green. The Officers will take care to bring their men on the Parade Neat & Clean with their Arms & Accountriments in the best order they will likewise take particular care that each of their men are supplied with Catridges and the real Catridges properly secured that no mistake may happen.

(To be continued.)